

TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY (615) 532-3202 or 1-800-778-4123 Tennessee.gov/health

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT

I. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Application, practice, and renewal as a registered dental assistant is governed by T.C.A.§63-5-101, et. seq. And Rules 0460-1-.01, et. seq.

1. If applying by Category C or D, you must apply for and successfully complete the examinations and become registered by the Board within one (1) year of the date on which the educational program is successfully completed or the educational course must be repeated.

NOTE: Failure to comply with #1 above does not extend your one-year deadline.

- 2. All application fees are non-refundable.
- 3. All documents and fees required to be submitted by you, or which must be requested from the appropriate institutions in the application process, must be mailed directly to:

Tennessee Board of Dentistry 227 French Landing, Suite 300 Heritage Place MetroCenter Nashville, TN 37243

- 4. Once your application is complete, you will be mailed the information to apply for the examination(s). The examination application is to be mailed to the Dental Assisting National Boards (DANB) along with the required fees.
- 5. Allow fourteen (14) working days for information mailed to our Office to be received and placed in your file. Federal Express or special courier services will not reduce the processing time. Additionally, if Federal Express or special courier services are used, <u>you</u> will be responsible for charges incurred.
- 6. We will discuss application status with the applicant or applicant's spouse only.
- 7. If the application is not complete upon receipt by the Board's Administrative Office, a deficiency letter will be sent to you by certified mail. The supporting documentation requested in the letter must be received in the Board's Administrative Office sixty (60) days from the date of the initial deficiency letter. Files not completed within sixty (60) days will be closed.
- 8. **IT'S THE LAW!** If you change your mailing address, <u>you must</u> notify the Board's Administrative Office, in **writing**, within thirty (30) days. Failure to abide by this law could affect your license, since failure to receive the renewal application does not relieve you of the responsibility for timely renewal.
- 9. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION. DO NOT LEAVE ANY AREA BLANK. RESPOND "NOT APPLICABLE" or (N/A) TO ALL QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT APPLY!

IMPORTANT: You must have a registration issued by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry in your possession before you may lawfully practice as a Registered Dental Assistant in Tennessee. (Certification by the Dental Assisting National Board, as a Certified Dental Assistant, without a Tennessee registration does not permit you to perform the duties of a registered dental assistant in Tennessee.)

II. CATEGORIES

You must qualify by ONE (1) of the following categories to apply as a registered dental assistant.

- Category A. Current certification as a <u>dental</u> <u>assistant</u> by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). If you are being registered by this method, you must request the Dental Assisting National Board to send verification of current certification directly to the Board's Office.
- Category B. Registration, or it's equivalent, as a dental assistant in another state for a period of at least one (1) year. If you are applying by this method, you must request that verification from every state in which you have ever been registered be sent directly to this Office. You must have completed a dental assisting course which was comprised of at least 116 clock hours of lecture and didactic training with a minimum of 24 clock hours of radiological instruction. You must successfully complete the Board examination to become registered.
- Category C. Completion of a 116-hour Board-approved course sponsored by a local dental society. This method is <u>only</u> if you have attended a course sponsored by a local dental society in Tennessee. A verification letter from the course instructor must be submitted directly to our Office upon successful completion of the course. You must successfully complete the Board examination to become registered.
- Category D. Completion of a Tennessee-based dental assisting program through an educational institution accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA). If you are being registered by this method, an official transcript must be sent directly from the institution to the Board's Office. (These programs are full-time, day programs.) You must successfully complete the Board examination to become registered.
- Category E. Challenge as a dental assistant in the U.S. whose state of practice does not require registration/licensure/certification. You must have completed a dental assisting course which was comprised of at least 116 clock hours of lecture and didactic training with a minimum of 24 clock hours of radiological instruction. In addition, you must have been employed as a dental assistant in the other state. You must successfully complete the Board examination to become registered.
- Category F. Challenge as a dental assistant (or dentist or dental hygienist) from another province, territory, or country. You must have completed a dental assisting, dental hygiene of dental school whose curriculum was comprised of at least 116 hours of clinical and didactic training in subject areas which are equivalent to, or exceeding the requirements of, the Board-approved course with a minimum of 24 clock hours of radiological instruction. You must also have been employed in you dental profession and able to submit verification of licensure/certification/registration, if one was required by your province, territory, or country. (All documentation must be translated in English.) You must successfully complete the Board examination to become registered.

III. CHECKLIST – use to complete your Application.

NOTE:	All submissions must be executed and dated less than one (1) year before receipt, or they will be rejected by the Board.
1.	Tape to the <u>first</u> page of the Application a passport photograph of yourself (taken within the last twelve (12) months), <u>then place your signature on the front of the photograph</u> .
2.	Complete pages 1 through 7 of the Application. Sign page 7 of the Application in the presence of a Notary, then, mail all seven pages to the Board's Office at the above address.
3.	If applying by category B, D, E or F complete and mail Attachment 1 to the institution from which you completed your dental assisting program to request that an official transcript be mailed to the Board of Dentistry. If applying by category C, a letter of course completion from the instructor or a transcript is required.
4.	If you are or have ever been licensed, certified, registered, or permitted by any state to practice as a dental assistant (or as any other health care professional), you must complete and mail Attachment 2 to each and every state. Attachment 2 may be duplicated to accommodate each request.
5.	If applying by Category A, please complete and mail Attachment 3 to the Dental Assisting National Boards (DANB) to have verification of your certification forwarded to the Board of Dentistry.
6.	Submit two (2) <u>Original</u> letters of recommendation from licensed dental professionals who can attest to your good moral character. These letters <u>must</u> identify the individual(s) as licensed dental professionals, be submitted on the signator's letterhead, and bear the original signature of the author.
7.	Copy the front and back of your current CPR card and tape the copies to a full-sized sheet of paper. Submit these copies with your Application to the Board.
8.	Attach proof of U.S. or Canadian citizenship or evidence of being legally entitled to live in the U.S. (e.g. copy of birth certificate, voter's registration card, naturalization papers, or current visa status.)
9.	Attach proof of having graduated from a high school (diploma) or successfully completing a general education development (G.E.D.) program (G.E.D. certificate).
10.	Paperclip a check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 (or \$40.00 if applying by category A) made payable to the "Board of Dentistry" to the front of the Application.
11.	A criminal background check is required. For instructions to obtain a criminal background check, click here or go to the Noteworthy section of the Board's website.
12.	If any of your answers to the "competency questions" on pages 5 and 6 of the Application were in the affirmative, please submit a separate document to explain the situation. Please read the instructions on page 4 of the Application carefully. You <u>must</u> answer "Yes", "No", or "N/A" to every question.
13.	If applying by Category E or F, you must place your name on Attachment 4 and forward the Attachment to your employer in the State, province, territory, or country in which you practice (or last practiced) your dental profession.
IMPORT	ANT: Enclosed in the application packet is a postcard (if not enclosed or misplaced, a regular postcard will suffice). Complete the card and attach a stamp to the card to be submitted with your Application. (If postage is not attached, the card will be discarded). Once your application is RECEIVED (received does not mean your

allow 4-6 weeks for processing from the date stamped on your postcard.

application has been processed or reviewed), we will return the card with a date stamped on the card. Please

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CURRENT FULLFACE
PHOTOGRAPH
(SIGNED BY
APPLICANT ON THE FRONT
OF THE PHOTO)
HERE



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTH LICENSURE AND REGULATION
DIVISION OF HEALTH RELATED BOARDS
227 FRENCH LANDING, SUITE 300
HERITAGE PLACE METROCENTER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243

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Check the appropriate registration category for which you qualify. See the Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations to determine the requirements for each category of registration, or page 2 of the Instructions.

Name:						
	Last	First	Middle			
A	Certified by the Dental Ass	sisting National Boards (DA	NB)			
В	Registered Dental Assistant licensed/registered in another state					
C	Completion of a Tennesse	e Board-approved dental a	ssisting course			
D	Completion of a dental as	sisting course accredited by	y the American Dental Association			
E	_	ional course which was e	t does not require registration and who quivalent to the, one hundred sixteen			
F	3 3	•	ental hygiene, or dental school (school ner province, territory, or country			

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT IN INK			
Name:	First		
Last	First	Middle	Maiden (if not used as your middle name)
Social Security Numb	er: <u> </u>	U.S. Citiz	zen: Yes No
Date of Birth:		Place of I	Birth:
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Practice Address:			
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County (TN Applicants	s Only):		e: <u>(</u>)
Gender: (optional-for si	tatistical nurnosas only)	Office	e: <u>(</u>)
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Female	Male		
Have you ever been k	nown by any other name	es besides what is lis	sted above? Yes No
If yes, please state in and inclusive dates so	n full every other name boknown:	oy which you have b	peen known, the reason therefore,

EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please provide the following information for <u>all</u> educational institutions you have attended beyond high school. Also list the dental assisting program/school you attended. Use the back of <u>this</u> page, if you need additional space. (Send **Attachment #1** to the educational institution where you completed your accredited dental assisting program.)

From:	То:	Educational Institution	City, State	Degree Earned	Year Graduated
Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.				
Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.				
Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.				
Mo./Yr.	Mo./Yr.		-		

Please complete your entire employment history starting with the most current position first. Use the back of <u>this</u> page, if you need additional space. (If you have <u>never</u> worked in the dental profession, list the other positions in which you were employed.)

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<u>Company/</u> <u>Employer:</u>	Address: (Street, City, and State)	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Duties:</u>	<u>From:</u> Mo./Yr.	<u>To:</u> Mo./Yr.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

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(The	e following q	uestions <u>mus</u> t be	answered)					YES	NO
1.	-	certified by the lact			al Board	d (DANB)	? If so,		
2.	Have you	ever applied for re	egistration a	s a dental ass	sistant in	Tennesse	ee?		

COMPETENCY INFORMATION

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. If any answers to the questions in this part are "YES", attach an explanation on a separate sheet. In support of your explanation, the final documents or orders from the issuing states, courts, and/or agencies must be submitted along with this application.

For the purposes of these questions, the following phrases or words have the following meanings:

- 1. "Ability to practice your profession" is to be construed to include all of the following:
 - a. The cognitive capacity to make appropriate clinical diagnosis (if necessary) and exercise reasoned judgments and to learn and keep abreast of developments in your profession; and
 - b. The ability to communicate those judgments and information to patients and other health care providers, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as voice amplifiers; and
 - c. The physical capability to perform tasks and procedures required of your profession, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as corrective lenses or hearing aids.
- "Medical Condition" includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to; orthopedic, visual, speech and/or hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disability, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.
- 3. **"Chemical substances"** is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber's direction, as well as those used illegally.
- 4. "Currently" does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the use of drugs or alcohol may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a licensee, or within the past two (2) years.
- 5. "Illegal use of controlled substances" means the use of controlled substances obtained illegally (e.g. heroin, or cocaine) as well as the use of controlled substances which are not obtained pursuant to a valid prescription or not taken in accordance with the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

	STIONS IO	S: Please respond to ALL questions.	YES	
1.	-	u currently have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your to practice dental assisting with reasonable skill and safety?		
	a.	If yes, are they reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medications) or participate in a monitoring program?		
	b.	If you have any limitations or impairments caused by an existing medical condition, are they reduced or ameliorated because of the field of practice, the setting, or the manner in which you have chosen to practice?		
[If you	ı receive	such ongoing treatment or participate in such a monitoring program, the Board will make an individu	ual assess	sment

of the nature, the severity, and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition so as to determine whether an unrestricted license should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed, or whether you are not eligible for licensure.]

COMPETENCY INFORMATION

(continued)

	QUESTIONS: Please respond to ALL questions. If you answer "YES" to any question, please attach a written explanation.					
2.	Do you currently use chemical substances?					
	If yes, do they in any way impair or limit your ability to practice dental assisting with reasonable skill and safety?					
3.	Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?					
	If yes, are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program that monitors you in order to assure that you are not engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?					
4.	Have you ever been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism?					
5.	If you have held or applied for a license or certificate to practice as a dental assistant (or as a dentist, dental hygienist, or any other dental professional) in any state, country, or province, has or was it ever been denied, reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation, or disciplinary action?					
6.	If you have ever had staff privileges at any hospital or health care facility have they ever been revoked, suspended, curtailed, restricted, limited, or otherwise disciplined, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of restriction, or disciplinary action?					
7.	Have you ever failed a dental assistant licensure/certification/registration examination?					
8.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?					
9.	Have you ever been rejected or censured by a professional society?					
10.	In relation to the performance of your professional services in any profession:					
	a. Have you ever had a final judgment rendered <u>against</u> you;					
	b. Have you ever entered into a settlement or had any legal, adverse action brought against you; or					
	c. Are there any legal actions pending <u>against</u> you or to which you are a party?					
11.	If you have ever held a license or certificate in ANY health care profession, has it ever been reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation, or disciplinary action?					
12.	Are you currently being treated for the addiction to alcohol or drugs?					
13.	Are you currently being treated for a psychological condition?					
14.	Have you ever been dropped, suspended, expelled, or disciplined by any school or college for any cause?					

APPLICANT: FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT AND RELEASE					
I,					
I HEREBY:					
SIGNIFY my willingness to appear to answer such questions as the Board may find necessary, which may include a full Board interview.					
RELEASE to the Board, its staff, and their representatives, any and all documentation necessary now and in the future to establish my physical and mental capabilities to safely practice as a dental assistant.					
AUTHORIZE the Board, its staff, and their representatives to consult with my prior and current associates and others who may have information bearing on my professional competence, character, health status, ethical qualifications, ability to work cooperatively with others, and other qualifications.					
RELEASE from liability the Board, its staff, and all their representatives and any and all organizations which provide information for their acts performed and statements made in good faith and without the malice concerning my competence, ethics, character, other qualifications, for certification.					
ACKNOWLEDGE that I, as an applicant for licensure, have the burden of producing adequate information for a proper evaluation of my professional, ethical, and other qualifications, and for resolving any doubts about such qualifications.					
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ME IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.					
SIGNATURE DATE					
Sworn to before me this day of,					
Affix Seal Here					
NOTARY PUBLIC					
My Commission Expires					



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EDUCATION VERIFICATION

APPLICANT: Supply the information requested in this box and then mail this entire form to the school at which you completed your American Dental Association (ADA) accredited dental assisting program. Do not return this page with the application. The transcript must be received from the educational institution. NOTE: Most schools require a fee, so you may want to contact the institution before mailing this form so that you can attach their fee.

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Applicant's Full Name: _	(1 ()	(F: 1)	
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle/Maiden)
Applicant's Address:			<u>-</u>
Applicant's Social Security Nu Applicant's Student Identificat	ımber:		
Date of Graduation: (Date of Graduation must be printed on the			-
Please forward an original gra	aduate transcript be	aring the institution's offic	cial seal to:
Tennessee Board 227 French Landi Heritage Place M Nashville, TN 372	ing, Suite 300 etroCenter		
Thank you for your cooperation	on and prompt respo	onse.	
Applicant's Signature			Date



TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

ENDORSEMENT FROM OTHER STATE LICENSURE BOARD(S)

APPLICANT: Please provide the information requested in the top box and then mail one (1) form to the licensure board in EACH state where you hold or have ever held a license to practice any profession. (Copies of this form can be used). NOTE: Some states require a fee for providing endorsement information. To expedite your application, you may wish to contact the applicable state(s).

To Be Completed By Applicant (Please Print In Ink)

		To be completed by Applicant (Flease Finit in link)				
I, the undersigned ap	oplicant, was granted a (circle on	e) license o	or certificate to practic			
Board of Dentistry r You are hereby auth	onequests that I submit evidence of norized to release any informatio	the current	status of that license	in your state.		
Board of Dentistry. Date	Applicant's Signature	:		cant's typed or printed name		
Name In Full as it ap	To Be Completed by Administrate or Popears on License/Certificate or Popears		fice of State Licensu	re Board:		
(First) License/Certificate/I	` ')	(Las Profession:	t)		
Date Issued:			Expiration Date:			
Basis of Issuance: (check one)	Endorsement/Recipro	-	(Stat	re)		
Is there any derogate	ory information on file? Yes	No	If yes, please atta	ch supporting documentation.		
Authorized Signatur	e	Title		Date		
				State Seal		
Please mail directly	to: Tennessee Board of Dentistr 227 French Landing, Suite 3 Heritage Place MetroCenter Nashville, TN 37243	00	State			



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DENTAL ASSISTING NATIONAL BOARD VERIFICATION

Applicant completes steps #1 and #2. (DANB will complete step #3.)

Step 1-TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT IN INK)

Dear Dental Assisting	National Board Officia	al:			
I am applying for a license to practice as a registered dental assistant in the State of Tennessee. The Tennessee Board of Dentistry requires that a verification of my certification be forwarded directly to their office by the Dental Assisting National Board.					
Applicant's Name					
	(First)	(M.I.)	(Last)		
Social Security No.:		Date Nationa	ally Certified		

Step 2-Send to:

DENTAL ASSISTING NATIONAL BOARD, INC. (DANB)

RECERTIFICATION COORDINATOR 676 N. ST. CLAIR, SUITE 1880 CHICAGO, IL 60611

Step 3-

To DANB: PLEASE MAIL CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION

DIRECTLY TO:

TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY 227 FRENCH LANDING, SUITE 300 HERITAGE PLACE METROCENTER

NASHVILLE, TN 37243



TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY EMPLOYER VERIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Applicant Name:	
(Please forward to	your employer, as required for Category E or F only)
To Employer:	On official letterhead, please attest to the following applicable to the former or present employee/applicant:
	 Employment Verification that the above-named applicant was employed by you as either a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant.
	Beginning and ending dates of employment
	Duties and responsibilities of the employee

Send original letter which contains the above-required information to:

Administrator Tennessee Board of Dentistry 227 French Landing, Suite 300 Heritage Place MetroCenter Nashville, TN 37243

Status of employment (Full Time or Part Time)

You must affix your original signature to the letter.

Important: